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(CWG-D-9/7)

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12 March 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT: Field Readouts of [] Photographic Missions

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1. In accordance with the agreement reached at COMOR on 11 March (see COMOR-M-301, paragraph 3c), the PWG analysis of recent problems arising from field readouts of [] missions and its remedial suggestions are attached for your study and further consideration at COMOR on 18 March. You will note that the paper prepared by the PWG was prepared for further discussion with DIA so that the format of instructions and comments going to the field would of necessity be considerably different.

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2. It is proposed that COMOR address itself primarily to the substance and leave drafting of the final document to the DIA.

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Executive Secretary
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Defense Intelligence Agency

ATTENTION: Special Activities Office

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25X1 1. The COMOR Photo Working Group has reviewed recent field readouts of [] missions and suggests that if the procedures outlined before were adopted, the IPIR's would be less difficult to process and analyze.

a. Organization

Reports should be organized primarily by COMOR target number. Ideally, if targets in more than one country are covered, they should be grouped by country and listed by COMOR number. The IPIR produced by [] []

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25X1 [] formatted satisfactorily although the targets are not separated by country. In contrast, the field IPIR for [] was organized by general category of intelligence interest and not by country or COMOR number. It should be noted that the field IPIR for [] was organized by country, and was a significant improvement over that produced for [] although there was still no COMOR order arrangement.

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b. Content

25X1 Readout in IPIR's should include only targets of national interest including all active COMOR targets, and significant bonus targets. Bonus targets, defined as previously unknown targets, should be reported and identified as bonus after other targets in the same functional category such as airfields, ordnance depots, or SAM sites. The IPIR for [] contained readout on several targets which should not be reported in IPIR's including [] an inactive search target, and the [] which is not a national intelligence target.

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c. The authoritative target data to be used as the base for IPIR's are the COMOR target lists on China, North Korea, Sino-Indian border, and Indochina.

(1) The document series and most recent COMOR Photo Working Group (CWG) document numbers for each file are as follows:

<u>Country/ Area</u>	<u>CWG Number and Date</u>
China	CWG-D-22/12, 18 February 1965
North Korea	CWG-D-23/2, 4 December 1964
Sino-Indian Border	CWG-D-26/4, 7 January 1965
Indochina	CWG-D-7/16, 25 February 1965

(2) It should be noted that the files for Laos and North Vietnam, formerly carried in the CWG-D-25 series for Laos and the CWG-D-24 series for North Vietnam are no longer valid, and that targets covered in these areas should be reported by the COMOR numbers appearing in CWG-D-7/16.

(3) To facilitate readout on current requirements, DIA should insure that the current COMOR data are available to the field center. On the basis of IPIR [] which contained unordered readout on active and inactive targets in China, Laos, and North Vietnam, it appears that the current target lists on those areas were not being used. Mission [] also contained erroneous readout for the [] where the new airfield was reported under an inactive number, and an abandoned field on the active number. This was probably caused by use of an out-of-date target file.

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d. Information on individual targets should at the minimum be comprised of a target heading containing the COMOR number, the target name, the country in which the target is located, and the geographic coordinates of the target. Readout should be responsive to the COMOR

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requirement for information. The heading lines of the most recent field readouts on Missions [] and [] contained only the name and coordinates of the targets and some readouts were not responsive to latest COMOR requirements (see c (1) above).

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25X1 2. In our cable of 23 December 1964 in response to [] it was recommended that current data lists be provided to the field to facilitate IPIR reporting in COMOR number order. Since then there has been an informal meeting on 30 December between staff members of CIA computer services, a DIAXX representative [] and a member of the COMOR PWG staff. 25X1 At this meeting an offer was made to provide magnetic tapes to the field center for use directly or for reformatting for use on field computers. There has been no further response.

3. In Summary:

a. Field readouts should be reported in the same formats and organization as IPIR's produced by NPIC, with the qualifications expressed in para 1 b.

b. Listings produced by the COMOR PWG should be used for target data. As an alternative, a system of magnetic tape exchange for computerized target processing should be adopted as soon as possible to preclude further difficulties resulting from organization, format, or data base inadequacies.

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COMOR Photo Working Group

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